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# ABC COMEDY - We're serious about comedy

From Monday 4 December, get ready for a new comedy destination, on your TV, your devices and your social feeds, bringing together the best of Australian comedy and entertainment to make you laugh anytime you like, day or night.

At the centre of this new line-up on the ABC COMEDY channel will be the world premiere of **Tonightly with Tom Ballard**, a nightly comedy show hosted by Tom Ballard alongside Greta Lee Jackson, Greg Larsen and Bridie Connell. They promise to deliver the best bits of news, trends, life hacks and occasional gossip with a wry and anarchic bent, weeknights at 9pm. Expect the highlights in your social feed.

Other premiere Australian content includes the second season of the acclaimed **Comedy Next Gen**, including stand-up shows from Tom Walker, Aaron Chen, Becky Lucas, Sam Taunton, Demi Lardner, Sami Shar, Greg Larsen and Geraldine Hickey. And on iView, you'll find a bumper crop of Aussie short-form series to keep you entertained including the premieres of **Kiki and Kitty** from the outrageously talented Nakkiah Lui; **#CelesteChallengeAccepted** from comedian and Instagram star Celeste Barber; **The Chinaboy Show** from YouTube sensation John Luc (aka MyChonny); Neel Kolhatkar's **Virgin Bush**; the charming **Other People's Problems**; new Indigenous comedy **Aussie Rangers**; plus the next series of **When TV Was Awesome** as well as 60 new bite-sized films from the new batch of Fresh Blood teams. Sounds awesome, right? Well there'll be more to come...

In launch week there'll be plenty of opportunities to catch Aussie favourites, weeknights at 8pm, including **Gruen** (the XL version), **Upper Middle Bogan**, **Ronny Chieng: International Student**, **The Ex PM**, **Stop Laughing This is Serious** and **Hard Quiz**.

Plus, a raft of international titles including the E4 smash hit **Game Face**, series 3 of **Catastrophe** (yes, the one you've all been waiting for!), the final two series of **Episodes**, **Inside Amy Schumer** (series 4), **Murder in Successville**, and every weeknight a chance to enjoy **Never Mind The Buzzcocks**, **The Office**, **30 Rock** and **Parks and Recreation**.

And don't think we've forgotten about our annual ABC COMEDY binge. This summer on iView you'll find full series of **Rosehaven** (series 1&2), **The Ex PM** (series 1&2), **The Edge of the Bush**, **Get Krackin'**, **The Katering Show** (series 1&2), **Upper Middle Bogan** (series 1,2&3), **A Moody Christmas**, **Almost Midnight**, **DAFUQ**, **Goober**, **Fancy Boy**, **Wham Bam Thank You Ma'am**, **Lost in Pronunciation**, **Growing Up Gracefully**, **The Melbourne International Comedy Festival** showcases and **Comedy Up Late**.

In 2018 the laughs continue with premieres of **Fleabag** (series 1), **Idiot Sitter** (series 1), **Plebs** (series 3), **Asian Provocateur**, US documentary series **The History of Comedy**, plus plenty more of the favourites that you know and love.

So much to choose from! Where to begin?!

Get serious about comedy on ABC COMEDY.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

7am on iView and 7.30pm on Channel 22/ Pay TV 134  
ABC KIDS 5am to 7.30pm



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# Tonightly with Tom Ballard

At last! A comedy show that smacks and unpacks the latest trends, news, inputs, life hacks and gossip and serves them up for you as a nightly dose of hot, must see entertainment.

Armed with nothing but jokes and access to memes, **Tonightly with Tom Ballard** will investigate and explain the latest headlines, trends and the things you missed-

It's the show you didn't know you desperately needed, until now.

From the chaos in Canberra to the mildly-troubled Middle East, from the outer reaches of space to the depths of the internet, **Tonightly with Tom Ballard** isn't afraid to go there and ask the big questions, like "What is an apple?", "Should the Big Four banks lose weight?", "Will Donald Trump nuke political correctness with climate change?" and "Popular Culture - do we need it?". Nor will it shy away from giving you guaranteed advice on how to be a hit at the discotheque with all your cool facts about blockchain.

Helming the desk and wrangling live interviews, sketches, infographics, reviews, and the daily headlines is award-winning comedian Tom Ballard (triple j breakfast, Q&A for some reason). "*Tonightly* will have the journalistic credibility of *Sunrise* coupled with the comedic chops of *Landline*," he said. "I just can't wait to get started and win a Logie, even if it means going to the Gold Coast to collect it."

Ballard will be joined by a team of three news, tech, culture, and sports addicts who are fully across everything ever: Greta Lee-Jackson (*SkitBox*), Greg Larsen (*Fancy Boy*) and Bridie Connell (*Whose Line Is It Anyway? Australia*). These three are the show's field reporters, putting their bodies on the line for the sake of truth, facts, and punchlines. A wider family of contributing comedic voices from around the nation will provide insights and "fire" "content" on a regular basis.

Filmed at ABC Ultimo, the series launches with a thorough look back at the year: examining the big themes and events that made 2017 one of the most 2017 of years on record, then returns early in 2018 to quickly break its resolutions to eat less cheese.

Premiering on **Monday December 4**, **Tonightly with Tom Ballard** will air **Monday to Thursday at 9pm** on ABC COMEDY, ABC iView and on ABC COMEDY on Facebook and YouTube.

A highlights show will air on **Fridays at 9.10pm on ABC COMEDY**.

The series will pause for 2017 on Friday December 22 and return early 2018.

## Production Credits

An ABC Television production  
Executive Producers - Andrew Garrick & Nick Hayden  
Production Executive - Lou Porter  
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## ALL NEW AUSSIE COMEDY SHORTS screening on #ABCCOMEDY on ABC iview



### **Kiki and Kitty**

Kiki is a young black woman trying to make it as an overworked paralegal for a corporate law firm in the big smoke. Kiki has always been the "Good Aboriginal Girl", but after an embarrassing scene at an office party, Kiki wakes up to find a big, black, bold woman in a black sequin dress, red lippie and martini in her hand, straddling her in bed. Kitty is impulsive, outspoken, sexy as hell... she's Kiki's vagina come to life as a real person! Kiki is the only one who can see Kitty. But Kitty knows just what Kiki needs to get control of her life, and makes it her mission to fix it.

*Kiki and Kitty* is a Porchlight Films production for the ABC. Principal production investment from Screen Australia.

#KikiAndKitty



### **#CelesteChallengeAccepted**

*#CelesteChallengeAccepted* is a celebration of the unique comedic personality of Celeste Barber. It's what has made her popular with over 2.5million Instagram followers. Except now... it's moving! A piss-take of modern celebrity, a satire of modern values, and a parody of the over-stylised unrealistic imagery created by the Hollywood machine.

*#CelesteChallengeAccepted* is a Red Christmas production for the ABC.



### **The Chinaboy Show**

John Luc (AKA Mychonny) has had over 300 million views on his YouTube channel, easily making him one of Australia's most loved online stars. His notable successes include the web series *Mychonny Moves In* (over 2 million hits) and *Mychonny's Asian Gangsters* video (over 5 million hits). Now he brings a brand-new series *The Chinaboy Show* to the ABC, the first ABC sketch comedy written from the perspective of a Chinese Vietnamese Australian.

*The Chinaboy Show* is an RKPix Pty Ltd production for the ABC. Principal production investment from Screen Australia and Screen West.

#ChinaboyShow



### Virgin Bush

He's a stand-up comedian, an internet sensation and a self-proclaimed 'city slicker'. So, Neel Kolhatkar is heading to the bush to meet the locals and put his nose to the grindstone. Can he hack it though? Sheep shearing, pigeon racing, bow hunting, rally driving and bull riding aren't exactly for the faint hearted. Well, maybe pigeon racing... But Neel gets to experience an Australia that most Aussies never see and at the same time, he's feeding his stand-up schtick too. Saddle up for *Virgin Bush*.

Virgin Bush is an ABC Production.

#VirginBush



### Aussie Rangers

Out in the middle of nowhere is Black Stump National Park. Wally, Regina, and Francis are the Indigenous contemporary parks and wildlife Rangers that run the station. The Park is under threat of being shut down. Wally, obsessed with the elusive and endangered Quokkacoot (that no-one has seen), and his fellow rangers must find a way to reinvent themselves and combat the Parks and Wildlife Department before they too become extinct. Aussie Rangers are mismanaging wildlife, one natural disaster at a time.

*Aussie Rangers* a Factor 30 Film production for ABC Indigenous in association with Screen West.

#AussieRangers



### Other People's Problems

From the producers of *The Dressmaker*, Florence (Sisters star Maria Angelico) is a reluctant copywriter and would-be eco-warrior, who embarks on a venture to ghost-write other people's letters in exchange for second-hand clothing. Her bestie and housemate Ann is a life-saving paramedic. Florence is determined to prove she's equally adept at helping people. Even if it's with solving problems like... who gets to keep the friends when a couple breaks up? And how should you behave when you meet someone you've been creeping online? But is Florence really helping people or is her ever-consuming obsession with other people's problems really just Florence trying to avoid her own?

*Other People's Problems* is a Seymour Films production in association with ABC, Screen Australia, Film Victoria and Film Art Media. Part of ABC and Screen Australia's Long Story Short initiative.

#OtherPeoplesProblems



### When TV Was Awesome, series 2

We've headed back to the goldmine that is the ABC archive to unearth some hidden comedy gems – they've been dusted off and creatively re-voiced, giving them the comedic makeover they deserve. *When TV Was Awesome* is an ABC Production

#WhenTVWasAwesome



## FRESH BLOOD, Series 2

Re-sharpen your knives for a new season of the hugely successful comedy initiative, **Fresh Blood**, created in 2013 by ABC and Screen Australia to kick start the careers of young writers, directors, and performers. In 2018 there are 20 fresh teams with 60 great new episodes showcasing the breadth of amazing Australian talent.

*Fresh Blood* is an ABC Production in association with Screen Australia. #FreshBlood

Among the projects funded are:

**1800 SUCCESS**, Producers Aaron Chen, Henry Stone, Director Henry Stone, Writers Aaron Chen & Jonathan Lo.

*1800 Success* follows two young schemers on the hunt for cash.

**BIN CHICKENS**, Producers Nikos Andronicos, Dave Carter, Director Dave Carter, Writer Nikos Andronicos.

The animated adventures of three ibises who eat garbage and live life to the max in the jewel in Sydney's crown, Darling Harbour.

**COLLECTIVE NOUN**, Directors Zach Mander, Michael Parente, Writers Zach Mander, Dom Fay.

*Collective Noun* is rebooting the ABC to be more relevant to millennials. This series of sketches will see the ABC line up adjusted to be more Gen Y focused. The ABC will have more smashed avo, more ride sharing services, and be more self-interested – just how millennials like it.

**FREUDIAN NIP**, Producer Bronte Rose Jovevski, Director Jenna Owen, Victoria Zerbst, Bronte Rose Jovevski, Writers Victoria Zerbst, Jenna Owen, Jess Bush, Geraldine Viswanathan.

*Freudian Nip* is a comedy collective from Sydney, and a champion high school cheerleading squad. After discovering its previous captain stole all their best routines from an inner-city school, they must scramble to compete at this year's championships. May the best moves win.

**HEADSWAPSIES**, Producers Bec Schultz, Writers/Directors Mitch McTaggart, Djovan Caro.

Two stupid scientists swap heads in a vain attempt to advance medicine, but instead just lose control of their bodies.

**IBIS QUEEN**, Producers Melody Ha, Anna Bateman, James Hackett, Directors/Writers Nick Simpson, James Hackett.

The polar ice caps have melted, and the Ibis Queen is a floating cruise ship that offers a world of infinite activities and entertainment. Captain Caveri is the debauched master of misrule on this vessel. She needs to watch her back as diving instructor Numa is trying to recruit the struggling musician Paul to help her sink the Ibis and create an aquatic haven for transgender dugongs.

**KOALA MAN**, Producer/Director/Writer Michael Cusack.

*Koala Man* is about a local suburban superhero with no special powers but a strong and burning passion to snuff out petty crime and bring order to the community. Patrolling the streets in his 91' Toyota Corolla, Koala Man is constantly on the lookout for trouble makers.

**LEFTOVERS**, Producer Mark Ruse, Director Andrew Mills, Writers Pippa Mills, Helena Ruse, Andrew Mills.

Already world-weary in their early twenties, Pippa and Helena are a couple of young people struggling not to constantly embarrass themselves. Based on the experiences of its two stars and creators, *Leftovers* finds the satirical in the mundane lives of young people.

**LET'S BREAK EM UP**, Producer/Director/Writer Nath Valvo, Tandem Media.

Nath Valvo will hit the streets of Australia, hunt down unsuspecting couples and put their love to the test. If they pass the game they win nothing, if they lose they have to break up.

**MARS 500**, Producer/Director/Writer Lewis Hobba.

*Mars 500* follows six astronauts pretending to travel to Mars in a fake space shuttle in Australia's red centre. Their task is to answer a simple but important scientific question: can six people live in a tiny space shuttle for the time it takes to fly to Mars and back without killing each other? Inspired by real world events, *Mars 500* tells the story of a ridiculous yet noble journey to nowhere, and the idiots who signed up for it.

**NO-ONE SUSPECTED THE CAT**, Producer Doug Bayne, Director Trudy Cooper, Writers David Collins, Rebecca De Unamuno, Carlo Ritchie.  
Three improvisers enter a sound studio, three animated films come out. What will they even be about? We don't know. Perhaps we never will.

**THE ANGUS PROJECT**, Producer Craig Anderson, Alessandro Zotti, Nina Oyama, Director/Writer Nina Oyama.

Angus Thompson is a 20-year-old wheelchair bound university student with cerebral palsy who lives by himself in Bathurst NSW. Cerebral Palsy is a disease which affects motor skills, but not the brain, so Angus employs other students as disability carers to help him eat, study and clean...but most importantly, to help him party. This webseries is about Angus and his carers, and the hedonistic shenanigans they get up to.

**THE BIG DAY**, Producers Laura Hughes. Carolina Sorensen, Director Bryan Moses, Writers Laura Hughes, Bryan Moses.

*The Big Day* is a series of 3 connected sketches that celebrate the ridiculous people who manage to make someone else's wedding all about themselves. Laura Hughes will be bringing to life all three hilarious characters; the suffocatingly considerate bridesmaid, an aggressively enthusiastic groomsman, and the self-proclaimed 'fun mum' of the bride. Cast includes: Shari Sebbens and Christiaan Van Vuuren.

**THE LOST TAPES**, Producers Penny Greenhalgh, Stef Smith, Josh Ladgrove, Director Stef Smith, Writers Penny Greenhalgh, Josh Ladgrove.

*The Lost Tapes* is an offbeat, unconventional comedy starring Penny Greenhalgh and Josh Ladgrove. The three sketches shot as fake 'forgotten archival footage' from various eras and genres; so wonderfully bizarre and funny you might just believe they're real.

**TIGER COPS**, Producer Maria Tran, Director/Writer Adrian Castro.

Two mismatched cops Inspector Tiger (Maria Tran) and Detective Wombat (Steven Oliver) are on a mission to take down a Hong Kong crime lord, The White Ghost.

**TOO PRETTY TO BE WITTY**, Producer/ Director Petra Lovrencic, Producer/Writer Fiona Gillman.

A pop song about a basic bitch, a movie trailer starring Hollywood's most stereotypical cast, and a dating game show for the career-driven independent woman. In *Too Pretty To Be Witty*, Fiona Gillman plays three different "types" of women, satirising the generalisations created for them by modern media and society.

**TRUE MURDER**, Producer Erasmo Raimundo, Director Greta Lee Jackson, Writers Cameron James, Becky Lucas.

Every year hundreds of murders go unsolved - until now. Each episode, *True Murder* attempts to solve the most bloodcurdling, notorious (and 100% made up) crimes in Australian history. And every time, they fail embarrassingly and miserably.

**UNSYNCED**, Producer Mitchell Stanley, Director Peter Nizic, Writer Johnny Lahoud.

To fulfil his lifelong dream of winning a gold medal in Synchronised Swimming at The Games, Stanley Cummings spent the last 5 years living as a woman... until it all came flopping out.

**WHY ARE YOU LIKE THIS?**, Producers/Directors Adam Murfet, Jesse Oldfield, Writers Naomi Higgins, Humyara Mahbub, Mark Samuel Bonanno.

*Why Are You Like This?* is about two girls, Penny and Mia, who always say the wrong thing. As they inadvertently dissect the dark side of human nature - premises that are often taboo - they swiftly move through social interactions, leaving destruction in their wake, with anyone they come across being forced to pick up the pieces. *Why Are You Like This?* is a dark, dialogue comedy that is unforgivingly harsh, punchy and sharp.

**WOES**, Producers Madeline Kelly, Julia Corcoran, Directors Yasmin Suteja, Claudia Allison, Writer Kai Suteja.

A comedy about two millennial misfits stuck in a perpetual state of irresponsibility.



Demi Lardner  
Comedy Next Gen

## COMEDY NEXT GEN, Series 2

*Comedy Next Gen* showcases the next generation of stand-up comedians as they perform their latest live shows.

Upcoming comedy acts will include: Aaron Chen, Becky Lucas, Cameron James, Daniel Townes, David Quirk, Demi Lardner (pictured left), Geraldine Hickey, Nick Cody, Sam Taunton, Suren Jayemanne, Tessa Walters, Tom Walker and Yianni Agisilaou.

#ComedyNextGen

## ABC COMEDY BINGE on iview

Our annual summer comedy bonanza!

For two months over summer on ABC iview, you'll find full series of: **Rosehaven** (series 1&2), **The Ex-PM** (series 1 &2), **The Edge of the Bush**, **Get Krack!n'**, **The Katering Show** (series 1&2), **Upper Middle Bogan** (series 1,2&3), **Almost Midnight**, **DAFUQ**, **Goober**, **Fancy Boy**, **Wham Bam Thank You Ma'am**, **Growing Up Gracefully**, **Lost in Pronunciation**, and **The Melbourne International Comedy Festival** showcases and **Comedy Up Late**.





## LAUNCH NIGHT - MONDAY 4 DECEMBER

### **Spicks and Specks, 7.30pm (new time)**

Seriously, you didn't think we'd stop *Spicks and Specks* did you? No way! Adam, Myf and Alan are joined by a revolving door of musos and comedians for the best Australian music comedy panel show ever. #SpicksAndSpecks

### **Upper Middle Bogan, series 1 (double episodes) from 8pm**

ABC COMEDY launches with classic Aussie content every weeknight at 8pm! In this hit comedy, middle-class woman, Bess Denyar, discovers she's adopted. She's shocked to find her birth parents head up a drag racing team in the outer suburbs. CAST: Glenn Robbins, Michala Banas, Patrick Brammall. #UpperMiddleBogan

### **Tonightly with Tom Ballard, 9pm**

World Premiere

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### **Game Face, series 1 (double episodes) from 9.30pm**

Australian Premiere

Hot on the heels of the UK E4 broadcast and after a smashing pilot, UK comedian Roisin Conaty stars as Marcella, an aspiring actress recovering from a relationship break up. Despite her optimistic attempts, and with help from her friends, therapist and driving instructor, she is unable to get her life back on track. #GameFace

### **Never Mind the Buzzcocks, Series 2, 10.20pm**

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Kiki and Kitty

## TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER

### **Spicks and Specks, 7.30pm**

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### **Ronny Chieng: International Student, pilot episode and series 1 (double episodes) from 8pm**

Ronny Chieng is a Malaysian student who's come to Australia to study law. He's smart, driven, and competitive, which would make him the perfect law student if he actually wanted to be a lawyer. Blunt, barbed and not afraid to cut through BS, it's not long before Ronny is at odds with most people on campus. As a genuine outsider, Ronny is suspicious of any group that wants him as a member, be it the beer-drinking Australians, the Mah-jong playing Asians or the pompous blazer-wearing... idiots. Ronny is caught between his old life and his new life, between the international students and the local students, and between his mum's expectations and his own dreams, whatever the hell they may be. #InternationalStudent

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Catastrophe

## WEDNESDAY 6 DECEMBER

### **Spicks and Specks, 7.30pm**

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### **Stop Laughing This is Serious, series 1, 8pm**

Chart a course through the story of Australian comedy with interviews by the men and women that make us laugh including; Barry Humphries, Eric Bana, Colin Lane, Celia Pacquola, Charlie Pickering, Magda Szubanski, Wendy Harmer, Shaun Micallef, Paul Hogan and many more. Through intimate conversations, classic archival footage, and a detailed retelling of Australian social history, our beloved jokesters all understand one sacred truth – that every Australian’s greatest gift is the ability to laugh at ourselves. #StopLaughing

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### **Catastrophe series 3 (double episodes) from 9.30pm**

Australian Premiere

Rob (Rob Delaney) picks up where he left off last time, with an unexplained receipt for the morning after pill in his hand and a lot of questions for Sharon (Sharon Horgan). Too drunk at the time to remember what she did, Sharon dodges Rob's interrogation and goes to see Nico (Phil Dunster) perform with his band to find out the truth. Will she tell Rob what actually happened? The issue is unexpectedly forced when one of the kids has an accident. Also starring the legendary Carrie Fisher. #Catastrophe

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Murder in Successville

## THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

### **Spicks and Specks, 7.30pm**

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### **The Ex-PM, series 1 (double episodes) from 8pm**

Shaun Micallef plays Andrew Dugdale, the fictitious, third longest serving Australian prime minister in The Ex-PM. #TheExPM

### **Tonightly with Tom Ballard, 9pm**

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### **The IT Crowd, series 4, 9.30pm**

Moss (Richard Ayoade), Roy (Chris O'Dowd) and Jen (Katherine Parkinson) are still working in the basement for the IT department of Reynholm Industries.

Jen applies for the post of Entertainment Manager. When she finds out that amusing her boss Douglas's (Matt Berry) business connections has its darker side, she has to turn to Moss and Roy for help. #TheITCrowd

### **Murder in Successville, series 1, 9.55pm**

Australian Premiere

Successville is a surreal place with a high celebrity homicide count. Each week D.I. Sleet (Tom Davis) is partnered by a celebrity sidekick as they investigate the latest high-profile murder.

When Bruno Tonioli is murdered, DI Sleet and new recruit Jamie Laing must interview Tonioli's ex-wife Darcey Bussell and explore the underworld of Successville's mobs headed by the Carr twins (Jimmy and Alan) and their rivals Harry Styles and his One Direction gang. #MurderInSuccessville

### **Never Mind the Buzzcocks, series 2, 10.25pm**

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## FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER

### **Spicks and Specks, 7.30pm**

Adam, Myf and Alan are joined by a revolving door of musos and comedians for the best Australian music comedy panel show ever. #SpicksAndSpecks

### **Gruen XL, series 8, 8pm**

An extended edition of the show that unpicks the dark art of advertising, spin and branding. Wil Anderson, Russel Howcroft and Todd Sampson are joined by a team of experts to look at the Good, the Bad & the Ugly of Advertising. #Gruen

### **Hard Quiz, series 2, 8.45pm**

Hard Quiz, where host Tom Gleeson sets out to find Australia's hardest quiz champion, pitting four contestants against each other in a battle of attrition. #HardQuiz

### **Best of Tonightly with Tom Ballard, 9.20pm**

Join host Tom Ballard as he checks out all the best bits from the ***Tonightly*** week of news. #Tonightly

### **Episodes, series 4 (double episodes) from 9.50pm**

Australian Premiere

Matt LeBlanc stars as Matt LeBlanc in *Episodes*, the hilarious comedy series about remaking a comedy series. When husband and wife writing team Sean (Stephen Mangan) and Beverly (Tamsin Greig) set out to reproduce their British TV hit for an American network, all of their worst fears come true as Hollywood lives up to its reputation for absurdity. Not only does the network cast Matt LeBlanc in the starring role, but Matt takes the lead in deviously twisting their beloved series into a terrible cliché, while testing the couple's marriage with diversions and temptations. #Episodes

### **Never Mind the Buzzcocks, series 2, 10.50pm**

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Tom Walker  
Comedy Next Gen

## SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER

### **Spicks and Specks, 7.30pm**

Adam, Myf and Alan are joined by a revolving door of musos and comedians for the best Australian music comedy panel show ever. #SpicksAndSpecks

### **Would I Lie to You, series 11, 8pm**

Rob Brydon hosts the ever so slightly deceitful comedy panel show in which two teams, headed by David Mitchell and Lee Mack, try to hoodwink each other with absurd facts and plausible lies. #WILTY

### **Live at The Apollo, Christmas Special, series 11, 8.30pm**

In the fabulously festive episode from the legendary Hammersmith Apollo, the incredible Nina Conti is the host, introducing Tanyalee Davis, Royal Variety Show favourite Hal Cruttenden and star of *The Last Leg* Josh Widdicombe. #LiveAtTheApollo

### **Comedy Next Gen, series 2, 9.15pm**

Australian Premiere

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First up is Tom Walker – the self-described ‘stand-up comedian, improviser and clown’ and the winner of the Best Newcomer Award at the 2016 Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

#ComedyNextGen



## SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

### **Spicks and Specks, 7.30pm**

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### **Michael McIntyre Comedy Roadshow, Series 1, 8pm**

Star of stand-up comedy, Michael McIntyre visits six of the UK's most prestigious and iconic comedy venues, unearthing a raft of comedy's brightest new talent and finest comedians en-route. #ComedyRoadshow

### **Tom Gleeson, Live at the Enmore, 8.45pm**

Host of the ABCs *Hard Quiz* and regular on *The Weekly with Charlie Pickering*, Tom Gleeson is one of the best comedians in Australia. He sells out shows wherever he goes, and you can check him out at his stand-up gig at Sydney's iconic Enmore Theatre.

### **Adam Hills: The Last Leg, series 12, 10.30pm**

Joined by a host of special guests, Adam Hills, Alex Brooker and Josh Widdicombe show no fear or favour as they tackle the weird and wonderful stories of the week and answer your #IsItOk questions. #TheLastLeg

## And on MONDAY 11 DECEMBER...

### **Inside Amy Schumer, series 4, 10pm**

This hit show returns for its fourth season of too-real comedy. Whether it's dating, body shaming or any other hot-button issue, Amy Schumer is on top of it with fearless sketches, stand-up and on-the-street interviews. #InsideAmy

## THE FULL LIST FOR LAUNCH WEEK

### AUSTRALIAN TITLES

Tonightly with Tom Ballard  
Kiki and Kitty  
The Chinaboy Show  
Aussie Rangers  
When TV Was Awesome, series 2  
Upper Middle Bogan  
Stop Laughing... This is Serious  
Gruen XL  
Spicks and Specks

### INTERNATIONAL TITLES

Game Face, series 1  
Murder in Successville, series 1  
Inside Amy Schumer, series 4  
Catastrophe, series 3

### ABC COMEDY BINGE on iview this summer

Almost Midnight  
Upper Middle Bogan  
DAFUQ  
Wham Bam Thank You Ma'am  
The Katering Show  
Lost in Pronunciation  
The Edge of the Bush  
When TV was Awesome

#CelesteChallengeAccepted  
Virgin Bush  
Other People's Problems  
Fresh Blood, series 2  
Ronny Chieng: International Student  
The Ex PM  
Hard Quiz

30 Rock  
The Office  
Parks and Recreation

A Moody Christmas  
Growing Up Gracefully  
Fancy Boy  
Goober  
Get Krack!n'  
Rosehaven  
The Ex PM

